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Planting plan for screening slurry store Lindridge Farm Desford

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To shield the slurry store and to assist screening of the stores earth banks a new hedge will be planted of native hedge plants similar in type and species to existing local hedge rows. This will be on the south and eastern edge of the slurry store. The map below shows the area of planting outlined in green the intention is that the planting will blend into the bank of the store and the natural slope of the field.



The network of native hedges is the backbone of the local landscape acting as home and highway for insect, bird and animal species. They are made up of hardy and robust plants and a mix has been chosen from a selection of local native hedging plants. The hedge mix will be approximately 50% hawthorn and a mixture of 5-10% each of several species of native hedging including for example Blackthorn, Crab Apple, Dog Rose, Dogwood, Field Maple, Guelder Rose, and Hazel. These are easily sourced locally or online from tree nurseries.

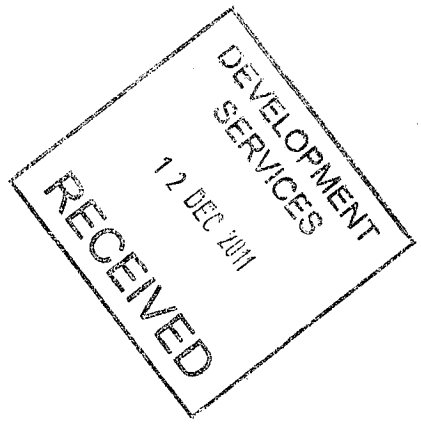
These plants will be planted as 60/80cm plants and should provide a solid barrier within three years of planting to a height of between 2 and 3 metres. They will be planted as a hedge at a density of 3-4 hedge plants per metre in a staggered row.

Interspaced will be a number of larger trees made up of species such as ash, rowan and other local species such as birch, hazel, beech, cherry and oak. The hedge mix will be approximately 50% hawthorn and a mixture of 5-10% each of several species of native hedging including Blackthorn, Crab Apple, Dog Rose, Dogwood, Field Maple, Guelder Rose, and Hazel.

The total distance of hedgerow to be planted would be approximately 150 metres and will require a total of around 500 hedge plants. Larger trees planted at 1.5 to 2m in height will be placed within the hedgerow at irregular intervals or every 12-15 metres. It is expected within three years these will have reached heights of around 3-5 metres.

It is the intention that these plants will be in the ground before the end of February 2012 to ensure they are well prepared for the new growing season. They will be protected by a stock proof wire fence and spiral rabbit guards.

Hedge plants and trees can be easily sourced locally or on line and should be planted by Feb/March 2012 for best results with any vegetation sprayed off with a herbicide prior to planting and weed control continued for the first two years to get the plants well established.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